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CLARENCE E. ZIEGLER #185

A token collector for many years, and a member of WESTS for the past several, Clarence Ziegler passed away on November 22, 1978, at the age of 51. Clarence was an avid collector of tokens in areas that are not popular collecting fads--Clarence developed his own special interests in such fields as explosive checks, fantasy tokens, tokens with "Ziegler" them, 2½¢ denomination tokens, odd-shape tokens, and others. He corresponded widely, and often would call on the telephone to talk about tokens. Many of us knew Clarence, and will miss him. It is my understanding that his son, Keith, will continue the collecting interests. - DHF

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SACRAMENTO--January 28, Sunday. PLEASE NOTE THIS IS A CHANGE FROM THE ORIGINAL DATE DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING IN STOCKTON! A regional WESTS meeting will be held at the home of Noel LaDue, one of our newer members, starting at noon and running up to 5 PM. Mr. LaDue's home is located at 5812 Mark Twain Ave. in Sacramento. Mr. LaDue is a serious collector of old soda bottles of a special kind called Hutchinson's, and has an extensive collection of such bottles from California--in fact, I first met Noel at a bottle collectors show. I understand also that Mr. LaDue is an active photographer. This is far enough after the hustle and bustle of the holidays that it will be time to get back to serious token collecting. We hope to see a lot of you there!

To reach Mr. LaDue's home, take Route 99-50. From the north, exit at 12th Avenue, and from the south exit at Fruitridge Road. Drive east about two miles more or less (if on 12th you will have to jog over to 14th) to 58th Street. Mark Twain runs east off 58th Street between Fruitridge and 14th Ave.--about a half mile from either thoroughfare. More precisely, Mark Twain is between 19th and 20th Avenues.

SAN FRANCISCO - April 21, 1978. Saturday; time and room to be announced. Jack Tar Hotel, Van Ness at Geary. In conjunction with the 64th Convention and Coin Show of the California State Numismatic Association. For this meeting we hope to have a speaker to talk on some phase of western states exonumia--any takers? Please contact Duane H. Feisel if you are interested. We want someone

to speak for perhaps a half-hour or so. Please see other sections in this issue for additional information on this event.

7 JANUARY 1979: - With this issue, we complete eight years continuous, though often delayed, publication of the Ledger, and embark upon our ninth. Token collecting in California and other western states has changed considerably over these 8 years, since our founding meeting at Stockton in November 1970. To begin with, rare tokens have become far more elusive, and the bountiful supply coming on the market in the 1960's and even the early 1970's has now shrunk to a trickle. At the same time, the continual growth of trade token collecting that went on through the early 70's has also slowed, though not yet ended. We have more members now than at any time in our history, and while there may not be as many new collectors entering the field each year, there is certainly no dearth of buyers for the good tokens that come up for sale. There is today much more specialization, fewer collectors attempting the whole state, at least here in California, and many, many more working on one or several areas or topics.

Over these 8 years and a bit, the California scene has certainly changed. We now have two different catalogs available to collectors, listing over 20,000 items between them. The largest collection in 1970 contained somewhat over 4000 pieces, the biggest today about 12000. In 1970, the idea that a trade token would trade hands at $20 was preposterous, but today, the most desirable pieces would realize $75-$100, and occasionally even more. In 1970, we had no organized get-togethers for collectors, only casual meetings, usually out in the parking lot of some coin show. Now, for 1979, we propose to have about 7 regional and state-wide gatherings.

One rather unexpected development of the 1970's was the rebirth of the bar token on a wide scale, though plastic has now nearly everywhere replaced metal as the favorite material. One entirely new genre was the food stamp token (though there had been a very few in the mid-1930's), which now goes out of use, as of 1 January 1979. On the other hand, carwash tokens, popular into the early 1970's, are now less frequently encountered, as the problems that made them helpful have largely gone away.

What about 1979? Here are a couple thoughts for the coming year. I think we'll see the old tokens getting even scarcer, and perhaps a little more collecting interest in modern tokens. Already the moderns of the late 1960's are often just as rare today as the metal tokens of the turn of the century. I think we'll have more interest in modern medals, spurned up until now; the Bicentennial catalog (see elsewhere in this issue) should spur some additional interest. And I have the feeling someone is going to stumble onto another great find, perhaps not so large as Duane's immense hoard of 1973, but one large enough to make some changes in our established ideas of rarity on some issues. Unfortunately, it probably won't be me. - SA

= SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT =
by William A. Williges

BALANCE FORWARD (see Vol. 8 #4-5)		$116.38
INCOME		
New member for 1978, 1 @$5.00	5.00	
Dues payment for 1979, 8 @7.50	60.00	
Total Income		65.00
		$181.38
EXPENSES		
Ledger - Vol. 8 #4-5	155.18	
150 envelopes	.90	
Room rent for Stockton meeting	20.00	
Total Expenses		176.08
BALANCE ON HAND 11-29-78		$5.30

NEW MEMBERS

#242 WILLIAM A. DEL PALACIO, 45 Pocetta Dr. #128, Daly City, CA 94015. Collects: foreign coins, transportation tokens, trade tokens, parking tokens, car wash tokens, books on trolleys and interurbans

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DUES RAISED: - At the Stockton meeting, the financial condition of WESTS was discussed, and the need for an increase in the yearly dues became evident.

Briefly stated, the cost of printing and mailing one issue of the LEDGER runs about $150, having increased in the past year by a substantial percentage because of increases in printing costs, postage and size of issue. Since we have about 150 current members, this means a cost of $6 per year per member for a publication schedule of six issues. There are additional expenses to the society, including the costs of a membership roster when it is prepared (about the same as one issue of the LEDGER), the membership token (about 25¢ per member), meeting room costs (about 50¢ per member), and other miscellaneous expenses amounting to about 30¢ per member. The net result is that at $5 a year, WESTS would become insolvent rather quickly. Accordingly, the members present at the Stockton meeting voted unanimously to increase the yearly dues to $7.50 starting in 1979.

And this increase might not even be enough. One way to help with keeping dues down is to increase our membership. Because printing costs for 200 copies is the same

as for 150 copies, we are having the larger number printed each issue. Thus, 50 additional members would increase only the mailing costs. Don't you know of someone who should be a member of WESTS? For the cost of mailing (28¢), we will send a copy of the LEDGER plus membership information. Please refer such inquiries to Duane H. Feisel.

Enclosed with this issue is a membership renewal form and an addressed reply envelope for sending your 1979 dues payment to the secretary-treasurer. Also included with this issue is a copy of your listing for the WESTS roster which will be issued early in 1979--see elsewhere in this issue for details on this.

Your prompt payment of dues will be appreciated--it simplifies bookkeeping, maintainence of the mailing list and insures that you will be included in the roster of members.

MEMBERSHIP ROSTER: - The long-awaited and much-promised WESTS membership roster will become a reality in early 1979. Mailed with this issue is a membership renewal form, return envelope, and a copy of the listing prepared for you for the roster based on information you supplied previously. Mail the dues payment and any changes marked on that listing to William Williges.

The deadline for the roster will be MARCH 15 absolutely, so if you want to be included, be sure to have your dues paid by that time. It is intended that the roster will be available for distribution in time for our semi-annual membership meeting in mid-April.

Ads will be included in the roster, and a number of WESTS members previously indicated a desire to place advertising. Unless contrary information is received, those ads will be included. Additional ads are welcomed.

A membership roster was readied for the printers late in 1978, but the financial condition of the organization precluded doing the printing and mailing. With the increase in dues for 1979, there will be enough funds available for the job. - DHF

BICENTENNIAL CATALOG: - This long delayed project is approaching completion. I will be getting estimates from printers in the next week or two, and should have a contract by the end of the month. In the meanwhile, Duane is finalizing camera-ready copy, and I have photographed virtually all the known pieces. The two of us met a couple weeks ago to iron out as many of the remaining gaps as possible, the the text is now virtually complete.

We now have two urgent needs: (1) money (2) assistance. First, we will have to pay the printer's bill, and we need some people

to pledge a loan to cover this expense. These pledges will be repaid as copies are sold. To get things started, I will pledge $100. We also need you to order copies, and appropriate forms will be mailed out to the membership as soon as we are in a position to set a cover price (which depends, of course, on the cost of printing), which will probably be somewhere between four and five dollars per copy. I hope that every member will order a copy for his library, and convince a friend to buy one too. Members wishing to do so can purchase a second copy for a donation to their local public or university libraries.

Second, we need a volunteer to handle the distribution of the copies, that is, somebody willing to process orders. Duane and I have done the work of writing the book, and we would like somebody else to take over the distribution. At the outset, there will be some few hours work per week, but later it will be less. Eventually, whether he likes it or not, the secretary/treasurer will get the job, but with some good fortune, we will have sold out by then.

Would those persons interested in helping with a pledge please write to me at their first convenience. If ten members will each pledge $100, we will be able to cover the printing costs with no delay. And if someone is willing to serve as distributor, please write to me. (As for pledges, just let me know, don't send a check until I announce we're ready, i.e., til we get the printing bill). - SA

GAMING TOKENS: UPDATE 1979: - As of 31 December 1978, the US Bureau of the Mint switched over from the massive Ike dollar to the reduced-size and convenient Anthony dollar, which will be released into circulation in July 1979. In the meanwhile, the Nevada (and New Jersey) gaming casinos are rapidly exhausting their supplies of Ike's to satisfy the hunger of their dollar slots. And tourists are pocketing the remaining Ike's almost as fast as the casinos have dragged them out of their storerooms. The solution is to be the revival of dollar gaming tokens, such as were used by dozens of houses during the years 1965-71, when the cupronickel clad dollar was not yet born. Already, it is understood that Franklin Mint and other private mints have accepted contracts for this sort of production, and the Treasury Department has given its somewhat tacit approval to the idea, cautioning the casinos that the tokens must be used as tokens, not as a medium of exchange, i.e., its validity must be restricted to the issuer's premises, as was the case in 1965-71.

We do not yet know how many casinos will issue their own tokens, but as the dollar slots are very profitable and represent a substantial portion of token slot machine revenues, it is anticipated that many houses will opt for tokens. Nor is it decided yet whether the casinos will switch over to the smaller Anthony dollar when it becomes available in sufficient quantity to assure an uninterrupted supply, or whether they will stick with the larger dollar-size tokens. Both the legal obstacles and the practicalities of these options remain obscure. But in the meanwhile, a whole new arena for Nevada token collectors is about to unfold! - SA

= STOCKTON MEETING REPORT =

by Duane H. Feisel

This year our fall semi-annual membership meeting was held in a new location in Stockton, the city in which our organization was founded eight years ago in 1971. The Delta Coin Club utilized a different location for their show--the Eagles Hall, but that building had no meeting rooms beyond those used for the coin show bourse and exhibits. Thus, we made arrangements to meet nearby at West Lane Bowl, a large bowling alley about a block away.

Most of those attending the meeting arrived early enough to visit the coin show which opened at 10 AM. For the first time in a few years, a number of the dealers had with them tokens, and some good purchases were made. J.L. McPheeters was the first to hit one dealer who had with him a mixture of older and modern tokens--his prices were "reasonable" as among other things, Mc picked up a Richardson Springs token for 50¢!
The dealer was even selling modern drink tokens at less than "face value." Needless to say, his stock was pretty well depleted in just a few minutes once the token collectors learned he had tokens. Collectors were also able to make some good purchases from another dealer who had come down from Canada for the show, and from several other dealers as well.

About noontime we moved over to West Lane Bowl where we had a spacious, fairly well-light room with sufficient tables and chairs. After waiting for any stragglers to appear, we sat down for lunch in a different room. We ordered from the menu which offered a variety of lunches at very reasonable prices. Since WESTS would have had to pay $20 for the meeting room had we not had the luncheon, the cost of each member's lunch was proportionally subsidized by WESTS to the total amount of that $20. The food was delicious, and I think everyone there liked the arrangement.

After eating, we retired back to our meeting room and continued on with the usual buying, selling and trading which is typical of our gatherings. There was a lot of activity--I know that I came away with a 9" long 2x2 box full of new acquisitions obtained by a combination of buying and trading. Bill Williges Jr. had to beat me by a long ways as far as total number of tokens is concerned, and I know a lot of other collectors went away happy with new additions to their collections.

WESTS members attending the meeting were Floyd Holliday (who had flown up from Southern California for the day), Will Posthumus, Dan Jacobson, Bill Williges Sr., Bill Williges Jr., J.L. McPheeters, Ralph Lea, Gil Moreno,

Bud Carmichael, Don Finch, Noel LaDue and Duane Feisel. Guests included Charlie Gasden and Vince Baretta. We did miss a number of collectors who usually attend this fall meeting including Ron Lerch, Steve Album, Bob Swain, Merv Mahler, Jerry Rackoncza, Hal Dunn and others. Frank Roza was in the bourse area, but did not attend the meeting.

The business meeting was short, but packed with a lot of action. Many of the subjects discussed and decisions made are reported elsewhere in this issue. In addition to considering the financial situation, yearly dues, the roster and the April meeting, the current officers were appointed for another year--all had agreed to continue serving.

One meaty discussion covered the "Ledger," and there were many words of praise for the quality and diversity of articles that we have been able to offer over the past year. Everyone agreed that this publication is really the heart of the organization, and we should try to continue the type of information that has been offered. Of course, what is provided is mainly from the efforts of you, the members, and it is hoped that in the coming year we can have more articles from more members covering more subjects. Although most of those present were collectors of California tokens, there was a general consensus that they would like to see more articles about the tokens of other areas. So please consider this also as a request for articles for the "Ledger."

Those attending liked the facilities at West Lane Bowl, and the luncheon idea, and voted unanimously to return there in 1979.

LUMBER TOKEN BOOK COMING: - WESTS member Terry Trantow reports that his eagerly awaited book dealing with the tokens issued by lumber companies is expected to be available in January. The schedule called for the printed copies to be delivered to the bindery at the end of November. Facts on the book include:

* over 270 pages, including 14 pages of token photos
* lists over 1200 lumber companies in 47 states
* historical information section with photos
* hardbound
* $11 to WESTS members until February 1, 1979, and $13.50 after that date, postpaid
* dealer price in multiples of 10 @$9.85, postpaid

See Terry's classified ad for order address. This book should prove a useful addition to any library dealing with tokens, and we look forward to having it. - DHF

BOOK REVIEW: Stephen Album

Stuart E. Brown, Jr., Scrip: Trade Tokens Issued by United States Coal Mining Companies and Company Stores, Berryville VA, Virginia Book Co., 1978, 370 + vi pp., 8½" x 11" format, hardbound, $19.50 (from Virginia Book Company, Box 431, Berryville VA 22611).

This impressive volume is not a catalogue. According to the author, its purpose is "to set forth some of the 'whys and wherefores' of scrip and of scrip collecting." It is rather a study, aimed at providing the collector the background of scrip issuance and of its collecting. The author attempts to outline what comprises scrip, how its usage arose, and how it fared over the years. He then analyzes the various aspects of the metal scrip itself, in order to present some idea of why it took the various forms it did. For example, why scriptbears different legends from ordinary trade tokens, why so many are pierced, and most interestingly, who made them.

Throughout the work are numerous illustrations of the tokens themselves, of mines, mining camps, and company stores, or various pertinent documents, and maps. The illustrations are generally of adequate quality. In one case, a two-page document reproduced very poorly, so the author has tipped in a typed copy of the imperfect reproduction (pp. 271-272).

The lengthiest and most generally useful portion of the book is the chapter on the manufacturers of scrip (pp. 141-299), which fills nearly half its bulk. In these pages, the author chronicles the many companies, some 30 in number, whose products can be identified. Much of the chapter consists of reproductions drawn from old and new trade catalogues of these manufacturers. Never before, to my knowledge, have so many different catalogue pages been brought together in one location, and there are some wonderful surprises. I have always doubted whether the illustrations in the trade catalogues represent actual tokens produced by the manufacturer named in the catalogue. In some of the reproduced pages, it is evident that such is the case, as for some of the pages of Meyer & Wenthe, Northwestern Stamp Works, Salt Lake Stamp Co., and Pacific Stamp Works, as well as for the major scrip manufacturers, Osborne, Ingle (later Ingle-Schierloh), and Insurance Credit System. But for others, it is evidently not the case. For example, the same tokens of the Livingston Coal Co., Livingston KY, are reproduced in the catalogues of S.G. Adams Stamp & Stationery Co., Pannier, S.M. Spencer, Moise-Klinkner Co., and Quincy Calglesser. Obviously, only one of all these could have manufactured the actual pieces (probably Adams of St. Louis)!

Finally, there are some pages of general information for collectors, including sections on how tokens are valued, why some are so rare and others so common, how to make photos, rubbings, and foils of tokens, and how to join the National Scrip Collectors Association.

This is a very valuable compilation, well-researched, and reasonably well presented. The information contained is of interest

to all token collectors, not just to scrip collectors. It should be in the library of every WESTS member.

Since I feel every review should contain something critical, I will add that the author should have used a carbon ribbon to type up the copy. The roughly typed letters have a very amateurish appearance. In addition, the layout of the pages leaves something to be desired, and more page headings could have been used. But these are not very substantive criticisms, which says much for the overall excellent quality of the book.

One last comment: Do not confuse this book with previous publications by Gordon Dodrill (20,000 Coal Company Stores), Walter Caldwell (Coal Company Scrip), or Donald O. Edkins (Edkins' Catalogue of Coal Company Store Scrip). The other three are catalogues, whereas Brown's work is a descriptive study and scarcely overlaps the others. It is an important complement to the catalogues. - SA

SEATTLE TOKEN & MEDAL SHOW: - In a super giant catch-up issue of Trade Token Topics recently off the press, editor Bary Bender provides a detailed description of the recent exonumia-oriented show he and Clarence Heppner put together in Seattle. WESTS member Terry Trantow writes to share his experience at that show: "I attended the exonumia show in Seattle on October 28th. It was attended by a number of Oregon and Washington collectors. According to Hepp, the show as a success. I spent all day Saturday there, and enjoyed myself, and bought and traded for quite a few additional Oregon tokens. Met several collectors with whom I had corresponded. Harry Campbell of Utah flew in, and is one heck of a nice fellow. The show was worth meeting him! A few good buys, especially if one knew his mavericks. Picked up a few good Oregon mavericks that collectors/-dealers were not aware of. Am corresponding with Bary about having a spring show in Ellensburg. Believe he will repeat with a fall show next year. Hepp's wife had been ill, died the day after the show, and he is still shaken. She was a nice person, and it's a loss to Hepp and those who knew her." - DHF

HEPPNER DIES: - While not a member of WESTS, Clarence Heppner was probably known to many of our members. After suffering a stroke, and then appearing to make good progress toward recovery, Hepp died on December 21, 1978. Hepp had an outgoing personality, and when he was at a token meeting or coin show, if you were a token collector, you were likely to meet him. Hepp had collected tokens for many years, and specialized in transportation tokens of Washington, trade tokens of Washington, and horsecar tokens. His collections in each of these areas were outstanding. He also collected US coins, and specialized in certain areas. One of the giants in the exonumia field has left us. - DHF

= Book Review: CATALOGUE OF OKLAHOMA TOKENS =
by Duane H. Feisel

"Catalogue of Oklahoma Tokens," by Lloyd C. Walker. 1978. 368 pp + vi pp. 11" x 8½", softbound. $25.00. Available from BNR Press, Box 157, Portage, OH 43451.

Collectors have an opportunity to greatly expand their knowledge of Oklahoma tokens through this new book which is a storehouse of information. Packed in the total of 374 pages are 6 pages of introduction, 1 page of explanation, 313 pages of listings of over 4000 tokens from Oklahoma, Oklahoma Territory and Indian Territory (many of which are pictured), 34 pages of county maps showing the locations of the token issuing places, 15 pages of index of all tokens listed (not just mavericks) and one blank page.

The wealth of pictures add a great deal to the book even though some of the photos are of such low quality that they should have been omitted, and the trimming of the photos for printing in many cases leaves something to be desired--I found that defect distracting. It also seems to me to be a waste of space to depict very many wooden nickels and common design modern tokens. Many of the pictures show badly damaged pieces, and that is an indication of how token collectors feel about a rare piece--condition really doesn't matter if the item is truly rare!

It was apparently space considerations which forced the size and format of the book. I find the size of the book somewhat unwieldy, and it will be hard to carry around and use. Each page has a double column of token listings and photographs.

Tokens are listed alphabetically, first under the place and then by business name or proprietor. A code is devised for each token--first a three letter code for the place (in actual use, I find such codes very difficult to use--if someone describes a token with that code, one then has to guess at the place it is from, e.g. the code CTS stands for Crescent--would you be able to guess that?), then a number for the issuer, then a letter for the given obverse for that issuer and finally a number for the denomination. Thus, a complete code for a given token might be, for example, END 69a-05. It might have been useful to provide an index of the place codes so they could be translated easily.

Obverse and reverse descriptions are provided in the usual line-for-line type of listing. Each token is priced, and here I found some surprises. For example, I note some modern tokens (made since 1948) with prices up

to $7.50, while there are some (apparently genuine) Indian Territory and Oklahoma Territory tokens priced under $5.00! For those of us who suddenly become quite alert when seeing an IT or OT token in a dealer's stock, this catalogue should save overpaying for some apparently quite desireable tokens which are actually quite common.

The author provides a few comments for each place on its location and population, a worthy and interesting addition to the token listings.

Apparently the type was prepared on an IBM composer typewriter which gives something of a type-set appearance to the text. It seems to me that too many different type styles were employed, and not always was the type style chosen the best selection. For example, I had to use a magnifying glass to see whether a character was ¢ or c. It was ¢, but the token correctly has c (this error is made repeatedly through the catalogue, especially for the modern-made Meyer and Wenthe tokens which invariable use c instead of ¢ for that design which has the worded label across the denomination).

The printing quality in the book is uneven. In the copy I received, many pages are trimmed improperly, some appear to be double printed, some are quite lightly inked, others are very heavily inked, and there is considerable off-setting through the book. Considering all the work that went into the catalogue, it is unfortunate that the printing and binding job does not complement that effort.

The introduction is skimpy at best. More historical information about Oklahoma would have been useful, and something should have been said about how tokens were used in the state. While the author states that the listings are restricted to trade tokens, I note throughout the book that a number of non-trade pieces are listed, such as store cards and politicals.

The page of explanation of the listings is excellent as far as it goes, but it is inadequate. Many abbreviations are used in the listings which are not explained. It is probably not too difficult to guess at the meanings of those abbreviations if you are an experienced collector, but for others there will be problems. For example, what do Bi, Ca, Fi and Ce mean?

While many tokens carry a note for attribution, that note insufficiently describes the source of attribution. Again, certain abbreviations are used, and one can only guess what they mean. As happens in so many token listings, there are a large number of maverick tokens included without any attributing information. I know for sure that some of the mavericks are from California, for example, and there are others which from their style have

to be from the Pacific Northwest. My own philosphy about listing mavericks is that it is best to err on the conservative side, and not list a piece without pretty good reason. The catalogue also contains the usual number of typographical errors, something to be expected when one considers the wealth of detailed descriptions provided; this is a perpetual problem for any cataloguer.

I don't understand why transportation tokens are referenced to the Atwood Catalogue, car wash tokens to the Coffee and Ford catalogue, but parking tokens are not referenced even though the catalogue is listed in the bibliography.

Finally, a couple of my own pet peeves. The author lists some stock tokens used widely throughout the entire United States to specific locations in Oklahoma. In a similar vein, he also lists a number of numbered-unit military tokens to specific military posts in Oklahoma when it is absolutely impossible, at least in the vast majority of cases, to make such attributions.

The listing of spurious tokens will be useful to keep from "investing" good money in items which are essentially worthless. I know that not all such pieces are listed in this special section, and I am suspicious about some of the items listed in the genuine token section--it looks to me that some fakes got in there.

I have a weak spot for maps, so I enjoy particularly that section of the catalogue. This is a feature that should be picked up by other cataloguers. While the maps are presented by county in alphabetical order, I wonder if an area-by-area presentation might not have been more instructive, that is, groups of contiguous counties rather than single counties.

I find that I have about 64 merchant tokens (including parking, car wash and bank) plus 35 military tokens from OK in my collection. Of these pieces, I find a total of 16 pieces not listed, 16 pieces listed incorrectly, and one of the unlisted pieces from a new place.

If you have any interest in Oklahoma tokens, this catalogue is an absolute must. If you are likely to purchase Oklahoma, or especially IT or OT tokens, for trading with other collectors, then again you should have this catalogue--it will pay for itself! Even if OK tokens are not among your collecting interests, the wealth of information and particularly the visual delights of all the tokens pictured, will make the investment worthwhile. The author is to be complimented for compiling and getting into print this huge listing, and for the several useful innovations he provides.

BOOK REVIEW: Stephen Album

Howard M. Rossen & John M. Kaduck, Columbian World's Fair Collectibles, Des Moines IA, Wallace-Homestead Book Co., 1976. (Available from Paul A. Cunningham, P.O. Box 1, Tecumseh MI 49286) (149 pp., profusely illustrated, mostly in color)

Here is a compendium of representative examples of just about every conceivable souvenir item produced for the 1892-93 Chicago World's Fair, from coins and tokens to plates, spoons, ribbons, paperweights, sheet music, dominoes, cards, fans, bibles, etc. In each category, a number of items are listed, and nearly all are shown pictured on the facing page. Listings are brief, under the assumption that the photo will serve in lieu of a detailed description. Each item is priced, but nowheres in the book is it indicated for what condition the price is supplied.

As a general guide to the different sorts of items that can be collected, the book is invaluable; it is also a pretty book, and the photographic reproductions are of generally excellent quality. As I am not knowledgeable, I cannot comment on the accuracy of the pricing, except for the medals section, where the pricing seems altogether arbitrary, as though the prices were pulled from a hat. For example, the ultra-common Treasury medal is priced at $15, the far rarer Ohio & Michigan building medals at only $10 each. But one should point out that medals are a rather more specialized area of collecting than are most of the other collectibles in the book, and the general worlds fair collector is apt to be relatively unfamiliar with the pricing of tokens and medals.

Medals and coins are given on pp. 19-23, badges on page 25, with illustrations on facing pages. Only about 50 pieces are shown, a tiny fraction of the more than 1000 pieces known today. For all genres of collectible, the catalog is not complete, and makes no claim to being complete; rather, the author's purpose seems to be to provide a broad spectrum, with only representative examples in each category listed. The authors do not outline their goals, and some sort of prefacatory remarks would have been welcomed. A short history of the Fair is given, but no statement of the authors' purpose, the method of listing, or of the actual size of the items portrayed. Moreover, the items on each plate are not numbered, and it is not always easy to match up the photos and the descriptions (and therefore, the prices as well).

The book is a nice general introduction to the subject, but no more than that, and a price guide of questionable reliability. It is not of much use to the exonumist, unless his interests in Columbiana extend far beyond medals, tokens, and coins.

WHO WROTE WHAT?: - These little notes and comments are written by both Steve Album and myself. To distinguish one from another, I have been including my initials at the end of the items I have written. Steve has not done so until now, and there has been some confusion among our readers as to who wrote what. From now on we hope the inclusion of initials for each item will help to make it clear who wrote the bit. - DHF

MORE (SAN FRANCISCO) TOKEN HUNTING: IV

BY Jerry F. Schimmel

In 1972 I wrote several articles under the above title, culminating in the Checklist of Current San Francisco Bar and Trade Tokens issued as a supplement to the April 1973 issue of the Cal-Neva Token Ledger. To a certain extent, this article adds to that series some six years later, and includes items not listed either by Steve Album or Charlie Kappen. For this article, by no means did I repeat the kind of survey of bars and businesses that I did in 1972 or in western Contra Costa County recently, but there are 37 items listed here including the two sets of food stamp change tokens. As with the Checklist, I included a number of personal tokens not intended for trade, and most of those turned out to be mine! The one from Jim Wilcox I obtained directly, but the Silva piece I know nothing about. The poker chip pieces are or were used specifically for trade (and confirmed as such), since I exclude apparent card room or other gambling chips from my collection unless I have verified that they were for trade use. Certainly, as a trade medium, the poker chip is in current and wide use. The problem lies in determining for certain whether or not it is a trade token or being used for some other reason. I have also added a list of a few non-trade wooden nickels issued by numismatic organizations, and one which I suspect is woefully incomplete. For certain, they have never been used for trade, but it is a group of pieces which also has not been studied. I would be interested in hearing about ones I do not have and trading for them, if available.

Although I make several references in the following lists to Charlie Kappen's California Tokens, I have used Steve Album's descriptive system which is the one I know best. I have purposely avoided Steve's or Charlie's numbering systems since I have no way of knowing how they would designate an, one of them, or even whether they would list them. Each listing in this article will have a prefix letter: M = metal tokens; P = plastic tokens; C = poker chips; W = wooden nickels; and MM = miscellaneous materials. An asterisk in front of the letter indicates that to the best of my knowledge the token is still available to collectors at the place of issue.

Metal Tokens

*M-1 A 24 p/p (center hole)
JERRY SCHIMMEL / SAN FRANCISCO / 1 (circles) 1 /
SOUVENIR / SAN FRANCISCO
First State / Sales Tax / 1 (circles) 1 /
Tokens / 1935-1975

Plastic tokens

*P-1 Pr 28 n/n BACCHINI'S
Good For / One / Drink (white letters)

P-2 Pr 28 n/n CHART ROOM / FISHERMAN'S / WHARF / TAYLOR AT /
BEACH
Good For / One / Drink (white letters)

*P-3 Pe 28 n/n GO- / GETTERS / 61 GOUGH ST. (white letters)
Food Stamp Credit / 1¢ / In Eligible Foods
*P-4 Pg 28 n/n (white letters)(as above, but: 5¢)
*P-5 Pb 28 n/n (white letters)(as above, but: 10¢)
*P-6 Pr 28 n/n (white letters)(as above, but: 25¢)
*P-7 Pp 28 n/n (white letters)(as above, but: 50¢)
P-8 Pg 28 n/n OHS' / FINE / FOODS / SINCE 1901
Off All Plus Vitamins / 25¢ / Ohs (sic) Fine Foods (white letters)
*P-9 Pg 28 n/n PARDINIS (sic) / DELICATESSEN / 4448 MISSION / SAN FRANCISCO
Food Stamp Credit / 5¢ / In Eligible Foods (white letters)
*P-10 Pb 28 n/n (white letters)(as above, but: 10¢)
*P-11 Pr 28 n/n (white letters)(as above, but: 25¢)
*P-12 Pp 28 n/n (white letters)(as above, but: 50¢)
P-13 Pr 38 n/n RENO'S / MOORE'S / 198 POTRERO / SAN FRANCISCO / 621-4688
Rain / (umbrella) / Check (white letters)
*P-14 Pr Sq n/n JERRY / SCHIMMEL / 40 PRENTISS ST. / SAN FRANCISCO
Good For / One Dos / Equis (white letters, 28 mm)
*P-15 Pw 38 n/n J. SCHIMMEL / TOKENS / P.O. BOX 40888 / SAN FRANCISCO / CAL. 94140
Good For / $1.00 / In Mdse. (black letters)
P-16 Pg 38 n/n JIM / WILCOX / 1224 HYDE ST. / S.F., CALIF. / 94109
Collector Of / (streetcar) / Transportation Tokens (white letters)

Wooden Nickels

W-1 We 38 n/n GOOD FOR / ONE CUP OF / COFFEE AT / BURKE'S / CORNER HOUSE / RESTAURANT / MARKET AT 14TH / S.F., CALIF (no period)
Genuine Wooden / (rooster-head) / Nickel
W-2 We 38 n/n REDEEMABLE AT ALL / PARTICIPATING MERCHANTS / ON MOST WEDNESDAYS / CLEMENT ST. M.A.
Wooden Nickel / (Indian head)
W-3 We 38 n/n THE / CORNER / 254 CLEMENT / PH. EV. 6-9526 / 25¢ / TONY BADET / & / DANNY LYNCH / RAIN CHECK
Wooden Nickel / (standing Indian) / Good For One Free Drink
W-4 We 38 n/n 5c / CREDIT AT / EAST OF THE SUN / 3913 24TH ST. / S.F., CA. / 824-2571
Wooden Nickel / (sunburst-face) / Beware Of Imitations
W-5 Wg 38 n/n COCKTAIL / THE / HEARTH / 11TH AT GEARY / SAN FRANCISCO
Lucky / (shamrock in a circle) / Wooden Nickel
W-6 Wr 38 n/n MONZI'S / ICE CREAM / 2823 MISSION ST. / NEAR 24TH ST. & BART / SAN FRANCISCO
Good For / 25¢ Off / On Any Purchase / Over $1.00 / Void After / Dec. 31, 1976

W-7 We 38 n/n LETTERMAN GENERAL HOSPITAL / THINK / DATA PROCESSING CENTER / BLDG. / 1060 BASEMENT / PHONE; 561-3491, AREA CODE- / 415 / MR (sic) CHARLES SILVA IV / CHIEF DATA PROCESSING / IBM 1440 COMPUTER / SYSTEM / SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, 94129
Wooden Nickel / (Indian head)

Wooden Nickels (Non-Trade) From Numismatic Organizations

W-8 We 38 n/n (around) NORTHERN CALIFORNIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCI[illegible] / (a miner) / AUGUST 7TH / 1961
14th Annual Coin Show / Sept. 18-21 / 1975 / Jack Tar / Hotel / San Francisco, Calif.

W-9 [illegible] n/n (around) PACIFIC COAST NUMISMATIC SOCIETY / [illegible] / MEETINGS / DISPLAYS, LECTURES / LIBRARY / PALACE HOTEL / S.F. / SINCE 1915
Wooden Nickel / (buffalo) / United States Of America

W-10 We 38 n/n (around) / SAN FRANCISCO COIN CLUB / MEETINGS 8 P.M. / FIRST THURSDAY / FOREST LODGE / 266 LAGUNA / HONDA BLVD. / SAN FRANCISCO, / CALIF.
United States Of America / (buffalo) / Wooden / Nickel

W-11 We 39 n/n SAN FRANCISCO COIN CLUB / COIN FAIR / 5TH AVE. & / LINCOLN WAY / HALL OF FLOWERS / GOLDEN GATE PARK / MAY 7, 1972
Wooden Nickel / (Indian Head)

W-12 We 38 n/n SAN FRANCISCO / THE DEPARTMENT / MONTHLY / MEETINGS / DISPLAYS, SPEAKERS / INFORMATION / CLARENDON SCHOOL / 2ND WEDNESDAYS / 8 PM / NUMISMATIC SOCIETY
Wooden Nickel / (Indian head)

Poker Chips

*C-1 Pb 39 y/y JAY 'N / BEE / CLUB
Rain / Check (gold letters)
*C-2 Pr 39 y/y (gold letters)(same as above)
*C-3 Pw 39 y/y (gold letters)(same as above)
C-4 Xe 38 n/n TIM & / ERNIE
70¢ (gold letters, composition material)

Tokens of Miscellaneous Materials

*MM-1 Wr Sq n/n NO VALUE / IN SALES TAX / 1-5 CENT / JERRY F. / SCHIMMEL / SAN FRANCISCO
1974 / (an elephant) / Is His Face Red. (25 mm)
*MM-2 Wr Sq n/n IN SALES TAX / 1-5 CENT / JERRY F. / SCHIMMEL / SAN FRANCISCO
(an elephant) / Is His Face Red (24 mm)
*MM-3 Xe 42 n/n (Cardboard Missouri 1935 Sales Tax Token, 1 Mill, with following rubber-stamped legend on reverse) DIED 1978 / JERRY BATES / ST. CHARLES, MO / MADE BY / JERRY F. SCHIMMEL, S.F., CAL.
(Missouri 1 Mill Sales Tax Token imprint)
*MM-4 Xt 42 n/n (as above token)

COMMENTS ON INDIVIDUAL TOKENS:

M-1 Available from me at P.O. Box 40888, San Francisco CA 94140 for an SASE. 200 Made.

P-1 This bar has two sites: 555 Golden Gate Avenue & 2100 Taraval St.

P-2 Issuer is out of business.

P-3/5 The tokens are available but difficult to obtain. Two varieties of them exist:

Var. A: Earlier issue, thin letters. Numeral "1" in "61" has serifs. No period after ST

Var. B: Later issue, thick letters. Numeral "1" has no serifs. There is a period after ST

P-8 1976: 2651 Mission St.; obtained at site of issue.

P9/12 The tokens are available, but difficult to obtain. The actual spelling is Pardini's. No 1¢ was issued.

P-13 A successor to Album SFO 80 M183. Also discontinued.

P-14 Available from me at P.O. Box 40888, San Francisco CA 94149 for an SASE. Two hundred made in 1978. DOS EQUIS is a brand of imported Mexican beer.

P-15 Available from me for $1 and an SASE. It is redeemable for token stock. Two hundred made in 1978.

W-2 1974: Clement Street Merchants Association.

W-3 This is a companion piece to Album SFO 80 C128 & Kappen San Francisco 577. It is as well-known as the 50¢ item and I am surprised that it has not been previously listed. Both are available from me for 50¢ each + SASE.

W-5 Token was discontinued by spring 1978. The sign on the front of the bar states "The New Hearth".

C-1/3 Located at 2726 20th St.

C-4 At 5286 Mission St., successor to Album Sfo 80 T34-39.

MM-1/2 Available for an SASE. MM-2 is an error with the top line of both obverse and reverse missing. It was issued in reference to the Nixon Watergate scandal.

MM-3/4 Both are available for 25¢ each + SASE. 125 of each color were rubberstamped in 1978. The rubber stamp was subsequently defaced.

INDEX OF MAVERICKS (without "S.F." or "San Francisco"on them.)

Bacchini's, red plastic, P-1
Chart Room, red plastic, P-2
Clemet St. M.A., wood, W-2
The Corner, 25¢, wood, W-3
Go-Getters, 61 Gough St., food stamp change, P-3/7
Jay 'n Bee Club, plastic poker chips, C-1/3
Ohs' Fine Foods, 25¢, green plastic, P-8
Tim & Ernie, 70¢, composition poker chip, C-4

NORCO, CA.: - The Rotary Club of Norco has sponsored one of the most unusual medals produced in California in recent years. Cast from a hand-engraved mold, it features a rodeo rider on the obverse, the Rotary International emblem on the reverse. The medal is cast in pewter, and sells for $1.50, from Corona Coin & Security Co., P.O. Box 56, Corona CA 91720. - SA

= MORE ON DICE GAMBLING GAMES =

by Stephen Alpert

I can offer some information relative to the 26 dice game. I have a reprint of the 1912 book "Gambling and Gambling Devices" by John Philip Quinn. In the chapter on dice games, playing boards and devices, the following is described as "The New Cube Game." It consists of a mahogany cylinder, 4½ inches diameter and 7 inches tall; attached to the base is a saucer-shaped bowl 10 inches in circumference. The cylinder has internal slanting shelves which cause the dice to tumble through the cylinder and fall into the bowl. Five dice come with the apparatus; each die has a different color circle on each of its six faces. One of the most popular ways of playing is 25 throws for 25¢: "The player selects his color, and if he succeeds in throwing 26 of color named in 25 throws, he gets $1 in trade; if he throws only 11 or less he gets $1 in trade; if he throws 33 or over he gets $2 in trade." Tokens were probably used to make pay-offs.

Another variation in play uses only three cubes. The player selects his color and drops the three cubes through the cylinder. If only one cube shows his color up, he receives twice the amount played in trade; if two cubes, three times in trade; if all three cubes show his color, five times in trade.

Yet another method is for the house to offer $100 for a dime wager to anyone naming a color and throwing five of that color on a single throw of the five dice. (Editor's note: the odds of doing that are 7776/1!)

Quinn concludes with the comment: "This game is said to be able to run where slot machines and dice games are barred and to possess many great advantages over the ordinary slot machine, (as) the cube game can have any limit put upon it the owner sees fit to offer."

The common and widely known Hickey Brothers tokens were used in a similar dice game called "Six Dice." Six dice were thrown and the player chose a number, and then threw the six dice four more times. If his number came up 21 times he received $2 in tokens. For each time over 21 times, 25¢ in tokens was added to the winnings. If his number came up 30 times (every time on every die, almost impossible) he would win $50 in tokens. This information on the Hickey Brothers tokens is from M. Fuld's article "Put Another Token In" in the Numismatic Scrapbook Magazine 1969.

= COMMENTS ON ROSELAND BAR =

by C. V. Kappen

I have read Steve Album's comments on the Roseland Bar token in the August/October issue of Western Token Ledger, of which he is editor.

I obtained two specimens of the Roseland Bar token, which is described on page 400 of my book, California Tokens, in 1950 from an elderly San Francisco gentleman who told me that he had obtained them from the Roseland Bar in Roseland, Calif. I had no reason to doubt his word. As a matter of fact, both Mr. Album and I have listed tokens upon the word of old timers (note his 20 Z token of Butte County, for example, which I did not list because I had not seen one and had no information on it). In many instances I am sure we both would have preferred having documentary evidence. I would suspect that all cataloguers of merchant tokens have listed tokens with businesses or individuals' names on them which have not appeared in city or county directories. Some companies went into and out of business in a matter of a month or two, before compilation of a directory was completed, or perhaps before a new directory was started.

I know of instances where a saloon was known, let us say, as Frisco Saloon, Frisco Bar and Frisco Tavern, but used only one of these names on its tokens. Whether that was true in this case, and the Roseland Tavern, which Album mentions, used tokens bearing the name of "Roseland Bar" on them is a matter of conjecture.

The token Mr. Album writes about apparently is a different one from the one described in my book, however. He says the initials ETR probably are those of an E.T. Riley, and they possibly are on the token he refers to. But on the token I described, there is no ETR.

I have found errors in his two books but will not comment on those. I prefer to find any errors which may be present in my own book, and correct those. There likely are errors in my book in addition to those mentioned in the Supplement to it. A good many of the errors found were typographical ones and there may be others which were overlooked in the rush to get the Supplement out as soon as possible after the book was published. Then, too, I was told that only major errors could be listed because of the limited number of pages in the Supplement. I had only 10 days to get those errors in. There may also have been errors in the manuscript before it went to the publisher, including errors of fact. I know that in my case, I tried to check for accuracy when it was possible to do so, and I believe that most cataloguers, including Mr. Album, do. Even though I began

listing and describing California merchant tokens before anyone else did, to my knowledge, there was no monetary reward for "beating" someone to press, since all profits or losses from my catalogue go into the Token and Medal Society treasury. I will appreciate any person's bringing to my attention possible errors in the book, but would prefer reading them in letters rather than in printed club journals. After all, I believe that we all are interested in making as much information on tokens available as we can. In my mnext Supplement, I hope to correct any known major errors in the book that were not found in time to be included in the 1978 Supplement. At the same time, I will want to be certain that they are errors and not conjecture.

GIFT COINS: - Dan Jacobson forwards a newspaper ad describing gift coins in the denominations of $25, $50 and $100 for Little Daisy, a store based in Pleasant Hill, California, which sells ladies' contemporary fashion apparel and accessories. I have also noted similar ads for other establishments offering similar gift coins. The question is, should these be included as trade tokens as far as collector interest is concerned? Your comments would be appreciated. That seems to be a lot of money to shell out for modern tokens!

However, back in about 1959, I bought gift coins from Nieman-Marcus of Dallas in the denominations (if my recollection is correct) of $1, $5 and $10. I still have those tokens somewhere.

As a supplier of custom-minted tokens and medals, I have also been responsible for supplying the Younkers department store in Des Moines, IA (where WESTS member Bob Lubetkin is employed), with gift medallions in the denominations of $10, $25 and $100. There are certain to be many other such gift coins in use throughout the country. How do collectors view them? Let us have your comments, and we can publish them in a future issue of the Ledger. - DHF

GIFT CERTIFICATE TOKENS: - The latest entry to the high-priced exonumia field is the gift certificate token, a bronze, silver, or gold vermeil token purchased at a store for later redemption, in the same fashion as a gift certificate. These have been appearing all over the place, usually in denominations of $25, $50, and $100. Bill Williges of Wheatland CA reports, from an ad in the 12/12/78 Wall Street Journal, that Brooks Bros. of San Francisco has them in denominations of $25 (antique bronze), $50 (silver finish, whatever that means), and $100 (gold vermeil), and that Mr. Guy, a Beverly Hills clothiers, as 24-karat gold-plated medallions (as they call them) of $25, $50, and $100. For those willing to surrender $25 a pop (or $175 for complete sets), here's the ultimate collectible. I just don't think we will have widespread interest in these. - SA

CONVENTION SPEAKERS: - At both the San Jose Coin Club show in January and the CSNA show in April, there will be staged an educational forum with speakers on a variety of subjects.

At the San Jose Coin Club show, Charles V. Kappen will speak on "Token Categories" at the numismatic forum on Saturday, January 27. Charlie is the lead-off speaker for the session which begins at 1:00 PM. Those of us who heard this talk last year at CSNA will agree that you will find it most interesting as Charley reviews a wide segment of exonumia collecting.

For the CSNA show Educational Forum, the session to be held on Friday evening, April 20, Duane H. Feisel will speak on "Medals--Concept to Final Striking." Further details on this talk will be provided in the next issue of the Ledger. - DHF

FOOD STAMPS: - I understand that as of 1 January 1979, merchants will no longer have to provide special tokens, scrip, or register receipts for change in amounts less than one dollar, but will be authorized to give that change in US currency. Amounts over one dollar will be given in change in US Government food coupons. So there will no longer be need for those sets of tokens some of us have been collecting. Apparently, all this is part of some significant changes authorized by the last Congress for the food stamp program. As we have more details, we will have more to say. At this time, however, it now appears that the use of food stamp change tokens is over. - SA

TIME CAPSULE: - Bill Williges reports on an interesting idea. The California State Parks Foundation, 1706 Broadway, Oakland, CA 94612, telephone 415-834-4411, is sponsoring a time capsule which will be opened in fifty years. For a cost of $3.00, individuals can submit material which will be inserted in the time capsule. One has to send the money to the Foundation, and they will supply the envelope to be used. The proceeds of this venture will be used to create two new state parks from abused or derelict land. Bill said that he is putting a set of his personal tokens into the envelope he purchased. Perhaps this idea will be attractive to others of us as well. - DHF

EXHIBITS WELCOMED: - The California State Numismatic Association show to be held in San Francisco in April, at which WESTS will hold their semi-annual membership meeting, is one of the most prestigious coin shows in the country. They have a comprehensive exhibit in eleven categories which include "D. Substitutes For Money" (tokens, odd & curious, primitives, etc.) and "I. Misc." (includes tokens). For those members who might be interested in placing an exhibit, additional information can be obtained be writing to the exhibit chairman, Mike Stanley, 2107 Gill Dr., Concord, CA 94520. - DHF

WOODEN MONEY WANTED: - A special plea has been received from a collector hoping to locate examples of the "official" wooden issues for Coalinga-1956, Fort Jones-1960, and Kingsburg-1958. According to Mr. Norman Fletcher, P.O. Box 222, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520, he needs only those three issues to complete California as far as "official" issues are concerned. He states that in his collection of 15,000 pieces of souvenir wooden money, there are 125 pieces from California. Can anyone help this fellow collector? - DHF

VISIT WITH CHRISS: - Back in mid-December I spent a few hours visiting with Chriss Christiansen at his home in Cupertino. As those of you who know Chriss are aware, he has had a series of illnesses, operations and hospital stays, and recently had a leg amputated. When I visited Chriss, he was getting around pretty well with an articial leg and crutches. He also told me that he is feeling pretty good, and is regaining some of the weight he lost. Chriss has a lot of determination, and I have a feeling that when I see him again, the crutches will not be used as much.

He indicated that he has volunteered to do a membership roster/collecting interest directory for METCA, so we should be seeing that in 1979. - DHF

NATIONAL CEMETARY MEDALS: - To commemorate Veterans Day 1978 and the inauguration of the United States National Cemetary in Riverside County, California (the first to be dedicated in nearly 30 years), a limited edition striking of medals in bronze, silver and gold is available from the Riverside National Cemetary, Veterans Day Committee--Coins, 4261 Main St., Riverside, CA 92501. Struck by the Medallic Art Company, the medals portray the entrance gates to the new National Cemetary, and on the reverse, busts of combat veterans of various wars and the Great Seal of the United States. Write to the above address for information on the price and availability of the medals. - DHF

RIVERSIDE, CA.: - And from neighboring Riverside is a medal commemorating the opening of the Riverside National Cemetery on November 11, 1978 (Armistice Day), struck in bronze @ $2.50, silver @ $15, gold-plate on bronze @ $10 (sold out), and gold vermeil on silver @ $25, from Riverside National Cemetery, Veterans Day Committee - Coins, 4261 Main St., Riverside CA 92501. - SA

DUNN BY A LANDSLIDE: - In the November election, WESTS member Hal Dunn was elected to the post of sheriff of Carson City and County, Nevada. Out of about 10,000 votes cast, Hal won by a margin of about 1700 votes, a rather substantial victory. He took office on January 1 for a term of four years. - DHF

ORDER YOUR COPY of the lumber token book! 270 pp, hard cover, 14 pp photos. 1200 companies, 47 states listed! $11 to WESTS members until Feb. 1, 1979; $13.50 after that date.
Terry Trantow P.O. Box 524 Ellensburg, WA 98926

POSTCARDS WANTED from Baldwins Ranch, Arcadia, Monrovia and Sierra Madre, Calif. Please write giving description and/or mfg. no. State price or trade desired. Also want related material such as stereo view cards, old C of C brochures, etc.
Jack Donnelly P.O. Box 443 Arcadia, CA 91006

WILLIGES HAS PAID cash for 9,234 tokens and medals this year. Many more collections and accumulations needed. Paying highest cash prices. Free 20 page fixed price list for the asking.
Bill Williges P.O. Box 445 Wheatland, CA 95692

WANTED: KEEP YOUR TEMPER and Kettle pieces. Will purchase or trade.
Benj Fauver P.O. Box 521 Menlo Park, CA 94025

WANTED: TOKENS and wooden nickels from San Joaquin County, California. Will trade or buy.
J.L. McPheeters 472 W. Monterey Stockton, CA 95204

EXHIBITS INVITED, especially tokens and exonumia, for the CSNA show at the Jack Tar Hotel in San Francisco, April 20-22, 1979. Please write to the exhibit chairman for information. (Ad placed by O.L. Wallis)
Mike Stanley 2107 Gill Dr. Concord, CA 94520

FOR SALE: $ gaming tokens minted by the Franklin Mint--1966 proof-like set. Complete album of 72 tokens of which 64 are from Nevada; sealed and numbered. $195 plus shipping cost.
Ron Holliday #228 9924 Del Rio Way Cypress, CA 90630

FOR SALE - Northampton, MA, official American Revolution Bicentennial medal, pewter; obverse three local patriots - Seth Pomeroy, Joseph Hawley, Caleb Strong; reverse American Revolution Bicentennial incused on eagle. $7.50 plus $1.50 postage. (Ad placed by D. R. Jackson)
Collegiate Ent. P.O. Box 37 Northampton, MA 01060

CATALOG OF OKLAHOMA TOKENS by Lloyd Walker has just been released. It lists more than 4000 tokens for Oklahoma, and Oklahoma and Indian Territories. Most pieces are fully illustrated and priced. Maps and other related information are also included. Many other features also. Available at $25 postpaid. (Paid ad)
BNR Press Box 157 Portage, OH 43451

WANTED: UNITED STATES and foreign passports, invalid ones only. Pay $1 to $2.50 each plus first class postage. This is legal--I have checked with the US State Department, which issues them.
Dan Jacobson P.O. Box 7101 Sacramento, CA 95826

AMUSEMENT TOKEN WANTED! Will pay 50¢ each for as many of the following token as are available: SILVER CUP / (CUP) / CHAS. FEY & CO. // Good For / 5¢ / In Trade. This is understood to be a fairly common token.
S. Alpert 11106 National Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90064

WILL TRADE my personal token with WESTS logo on one side for your personal token on a one-for-one basis.
Glenn A. Rome P.O. Box 46071 Seattle, WA 98146

TEES-TO TRADING CO. (Tees-To, Ariz.)--I have enough 5¢, 10¢, 25¢, 50¢, $1.00 to make two or three complete sets, plus several singles, various denominations. Trade for Montana--Idaho--Wyoming I can use. Other Western tokens considered.
Lewis L. Egnew P.O. Box 123 Port Townsend, WA 98368

WILL TRADE California, Arizona and Utah for Nevada trade tokens. Also have over a hundred different Nevadas.
W. V. Wright 220 South Bruce Las Vegas, NV 89101

SAN FRANCISCO AMTOUR cable car token, 4th edition, depicts Ghirardelli Square. These tokens won't last long, so order as many as you wish at this time at 40¢ plus postage. Also a few sets left of So. Calif. Rapid Transit Dist. "Free Sample Ride" tokens--see last ad in Aug/Sept issue. Set of three $1.50 plus postage.
John G. Nicolosi 3002 Galindo St. Oakland, CA 94601

WILL TRADE ADVERTISING tokens or store cards. Send up to 10 different, receive same number different in trade.
J. W. Baum 3101 N. Arkansas Ave. Wichita, KS 67204

WANTED--MERCHANT TOKENS from the following Oregon Towns: Gold Hill, Newport, Adel, Alpine, Alsea, Aumsville, Aurora, Austin, Barlow, Beaver, Biggs, Bly, Boardman, Brighton and Brooks. Will buy or trade.
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Calendar of Coming Events

JANUARY 21 - Sunday. Bimonthly meeting of the California Association of Token Collectors, home of Robert Ritterband, 6576 Colgate Ave., Los Angeles, CA (near Farmer's Market, Fairfax area). 1 PM to 4:30 PM

JANUARY 27-28 - Saturday & Sunday. San Jose Coin Club 11th Annual Coin Show, San Jose Convention Center, Almaden & San Carlos Streets, San Jose, CA. Bourse, exhibits.

JANUARY 28 - Sunday. Regional WESTS meeting at the home of Noel LaDue, 5812 Mark Twain Ave., Sacramento, California. Noon until 5 PM. All token collectors invited.

APRIL 20-22 - Friday through Sunday. 64th Annual Convention, California State Numismatic Association, Jack Tar Hotel, Van Ness at Geary, San Francisco. Exhibits, bourse, special events, talks. Fri/Sat: 10 AM to 8 PM; Sunday 10 AM to 5 PM.

APRIL 21- Saturday. Semi-annual WESTS membership meeting, Jack Tar Hotel, San Francisco, CA. Details to be announced.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR 1979

MARCH - regional meeting in Fresno area
JUNE - regional meeting in Nevada
JULY - regional meeting in Bay Area
SEPTEMBER - open
NOVEMBER - fall semi-annual membership meeting in Stockton

Other regional meetings to be added where there is sufficient local interest to schedule same.

WHAT PICTURES?: - How many of you got this far before realizing that this issue of the Ledger contained no illustrations? Only a few articles needing illustrations were on hand, and they are being held over for the next issue so that this issue would not be delayed any longer than it is already. It is nice to have a backlog of articles, and we will see nice writeups by Terry Trantow and Ron Holiday in the next issue. - DHF

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